

Remarks

Claims 1-21 were pending in the application. Claims 1-11, 20, and 21 were allowed. Claims 12-16 and 19 were rejected. Claims 17 and 18 were objected to. Claims 12 and 15 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 13, 14, and 16-19 are amended. Claims 1-11, 13, 14, and 16-21 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, 11, 17, and 20 are the independent claims. Reconsideration of the amended application is respectfully requested.

The examiner requires new corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). Formal drawings are submitted herewith in satisfaction of the requirement.

The examiner rejected claims 12-16 and 19 as being anticipated by Lipner. The examiner also objected to claims 17 and 18 as depending from a rejected base claim, but acknowledged that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims. The examiner allowed claims 1-11, 20, and 21.

Claim 17 is amended into independent form, explicitly reciting all of the elements of independent claim 12 and of intervening claim 15, which are canceled. Claims 13, 14, 16, and 19 are amended to depend from independent claim 17. Claim 18 is amended to depend from independent claim 17, and to delete the features common to those recited in claim 17. The rejection of claims 13, 14, and 16-19, therefore, should be withdrawn.

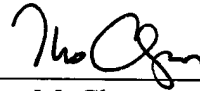
Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that all objections and rejections have been overcome. It is therefore requested that the Amendment be entered, the claims allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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